

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Marshall Lee Miller, Esq.

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Dear Mr. Miller:

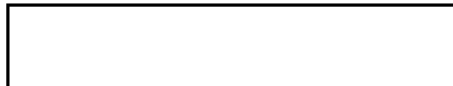
This is in response to your letter of 17 June 1981, wherein you requested historical research access to any information held by the Agency "concerning the attempts by the U.S. and other western countries to infiltrate intelligence agents and potential guerrillas into Albania during the period 1945-1953." We note that, according to our records, several years ago you were granted authorization to do research on Bulgaria utilizing whatever classified OSS and CIA records pertinent to your topic that might be filed with the State Department records (RG 59) now in the custody of the Diplomatic Branch at the National Archives. We assume that you never exercised that privilege, however, inasmuch as we received no notes from the National Archives for security review and you never submitted a manuscript for our approval.

An amendment to the Agency's rules and regulations governing historical research (32 CFR 1900.61) was promulgated in the Federal Register on 18 July 1980. It specifies that the Agency will "consider applications for historical research privileges only in those instances where the researcher's needs cannot be satisfied through requests for access to reasonably described records." As you have pointed out, you have already levied upon the Agency a Freedom of Information request for this material. When we denied your request, refusing to confirm or deny the existence of relevant records, you filed an administrative appeal, which is currently under consideration. In view of these circumstances, your application for historical research access appears pointless. Any information that could be made

available to you as a historical researcher--assuming for the moment that pertinent information does in fact exist--would be released to you as a result of your current appeal to the Information Review Committee. Accordingly, your application must be denied.

We regret that we cannot be of service to you in this matter, but we do wish you success with your research project.

Sincerely,

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John E. Bacon
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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